

Tribes/EPA Region 5 Workshop
Nonpoint Source Management and the Watershed Approach
October 9–11, 2007
Grand Portage, Minnesota

Purposes of the Workshop:

- How to Integrate the Watershed Planning Approach with NPS Management Activities
- Opportunity for Tribes to Network and Learn from Case-Studies of NPS/Watershed Projects in Practice
- Learn About Tools to Help with Watershed Planning, Development of NPS Assessment Reports, and NPS Management Plans

Preliminary Agenda for 2½–day Workshop and Field Trips

October 9, 2007 (Tuesday)

8:30–8:45	Open and Tribal Welcome
8:45–9:15	Introductions, Workshop Goals, and Logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants Introduce Themselves <i>(Dan Cozza, EPA Region 5)</i>
9:15–9:45	National EPA Perspective on the Watershed Approach <i>(Andrea Matzke, EPA HQ)</i>
9:45–10:00	Discussion and Q & A
10:00–10:30	Tribal Perspectives on Watershed Goals <i>(A Panel of Tribal NPS Program Staff)</i> Discussion and Q & A
10:30–10:45	Break
10:45–11:15	Background and Introduction to Watershed Planning <i>(Barry Tanning, Tetra Tech, Inc.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Context of Planning and Management• Six Steps of Watershed Planning• Nine Elements

11:15–12:00	<p>Contents of a Watershed Plan (<i>Barry Tinning, Tetra Tech, Inc.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Analysis • Data Sources • Load Estimation • Modeling Considerations • Proposed Management Measures <p>Discussion and Q & A</p>
12:00–1:00	Lunch Break
1:00–2:00	<p>Contents of a Watershed Plan—Continued (<i>Barry Tinning, Tetra Tech, Inc.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and Financial Needs Budgeting • Education and Partnerships • Scheduling and Milestones • Monitoring <p>Discussion and Q & A</p>
2:00–2:30	<p>EPA Online Tools for Watershed Management (Part 1) (<i>Barry Tinning, Tetra Tech, Inc.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA’s Networking and Information Sharing Tools • Interactive Federal Funding Catalog • Enviromapper for Water, EPA’s Online Mapping Application Built on the National Hydrography Dataset <p><i>*Participants May Bring Laptops with Internet Connection*</i></p>
2:30–2:45	Break
2:45–3:45	<p>EPA Online Tools for Watershed Management (Part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NEW Watershed Plan Builder Tool • STORET Water Quality Monitoring Data • Volunteer Monitoring Resources • Outreach Toolbox <p>Discussion and Q & A</p>

3:45–4:30	Nonpoint Source Assessment Report and Management Plan (<i>Janette Marsh, EPA Region 5</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing for Funding Eligibility • Taking a Watershed Approach
4:30–4:45	Discussion and Q & A
4:45–5:00	Wrap-Up

October 10, 2007 (Wednesday)

8:00–8:30	Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Eligibility (<i>Rodger Field, EPA Region 5 Counsel</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment as State/Jurisdictional Issues • Assessment and Management Plan • Public Involvement Process • Public Comment Period
8:30–8:45	Discussion and Q & A
8:45–9:15	Tribal Presentation— A Successful Program/Case Study (<i>Brad Frazier, Grand Portage, MN</i>)
9:15–9:45	Tribal Presentation/Case Study on Integrating Traditional Values in Water Resources (<i>Nancy Schuldt, Fond du Lac, MN</i>)
9:45–10:15	Tribal Experience with Assessment and Management Plans (<i>A Panel of Tribal NPS Program Staff</i>) Discussion and Q & A
10:15–10:30	Break
10:35–11:00	Section 319 Base Funding (<i>Janette Marsh, EPA Region 5</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process/Eligible Activities/Reporting Discussion and Q & A

11:00–11:45	<p>Section 319 Competitive Funding <i>(Andrea Matzke, EPA HQ)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal 319 National Funding Perspective • Eligible Activities/Process/Deadlines • Threshold Criteria/Evaluation Factors <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
11:45–12:00	Convene for the Field Trip and Pick Up Lunch Boxes
12:00–12:45	Lunch Break
12:45–2:00	<p>Onsite Stormwater Management at the Grand Portage Lodge <i>(Led by Amy Seitz, Grand Portage and Gregg Thompson, Association of Metropolitan Soil & Water Conservation Districts)</i></p>
2:00–4:45	<p>Field Trip to Red Rock Creek <i>(Led by Amy Seitz and Paul Sandstrom, USDA)</i></p>
4:45–5:00	Field Trip Wrap-up and Return

October 11, 2007 (Thursday)

8:30–9:30	<p>What Makes a Good Watershed Plan? Tribes Review and Critique a Watershed Plan <i>(Group Discussion Led by EPA Region 5, with Yellow Medicine River, MN Watershed Plan)</i></p>
9:30–10:15	<p>Opportunities for Collaboration on the Farm Bill <i>(John E. Beckwith, Water Resources Staff Leader, USDA-NRCS)</i></p>
10:15–10:30	Break
10:30–11:15	<p>Urban Best Management Practices <i>(Gregg Thompson, Association of Metropolitan Soil & Water Conservation Districts)</i></p>

- 11:15–12:15 Panel Presentation on Best Management Practices
(EPA, USDA, and Tribal Staff)
- Tourism
 - Onsite Septic System Management
 - Agriculture
- 12:15–12:30 Putting it All Together
Interactive Session to Identify Next Steps for Tribes
(Led by EPA R5 Staff)